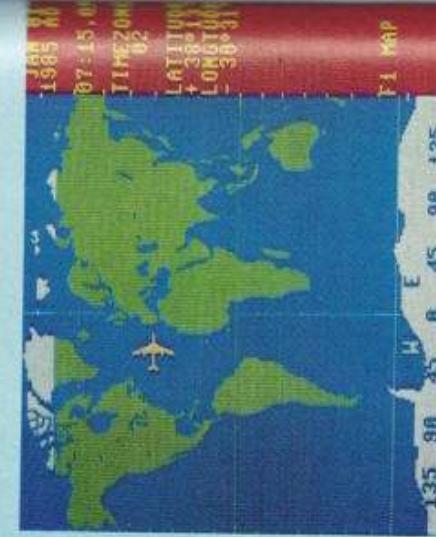


## SKY TRAVEL CHALLENGE

There is buried gold in *Sky Travel*. The creators of the program decided to fill every last nook and cranny of memory left after the astronomy and graphics were finished, so the following undocumented feature was installed.

In the program, you are allowed to view the sky from any place on Earth with a high degree of accuracy. You might expect, therefore, if you were exactly at the latitude and longitude of, for example, Washington, D.C., that you could see the Washington Monument somewhere on the horizon. But you would not expect to see the monument if the date were, say, 1492 AD... right? There are, in fact, 11 map tokens in *Sky Travel* (no, the Monument is not one of them), if only you knew what and where they are.

Who will be the first to discover all (or any!!) of these objects? They are practically impossible to bump into accidentally since you have to be pretty accurate in plotting your location on Earth and you have to be looking in the



correct direction. What we are going to do is give a set of clues to start you going. Assuming no one will get them all on the first go-round, another set of clues will be given in the next issue of *Power/Play* and another set in the May/June *Commodore Micros*. Finally, we will publish the answers.

First of all, there is a bear somewhere in *Sky Travel* (it appears as if by magic on one of the demo screens which you may have seen at your computer store). All the clues below have the bear as a central theme, so you really don't even know which clue refers to the real bear. Also, not all the information in a clue may be pertinent.

So here we go...

### CLUES

1. An alert person should have no trouble finding the bear.
2. Stated empirically, if the bear really exists, he gets top billing.
3. See an angry bear, not one but two, on tour, climb high, higher, highest with no visible means of support.
4. Hungry bear, but a half-wit, looks for hamburgers, is disappointed, but we're not, are we?
5. Guilty bear is fugitive, is chased by Canadian police force.
6. How do you expect to find the bear if you are looking for a mosque?
7. Don't cross this one off, because, although suspenseful, you have to wait until the bear comes to it.
8. Betsy says, "Jim, go in and get my pen, and don't worry about the bear."
9. Bear goes 200 steps north, 200 steps east, 200 steps south, and 200 steps west. What color is the bear?
10. Bear has party, gets plastered in style.
11. The bear may be gentle, but he's still pretty big, so watch out!

While you tear your hair out trying to solve these, we hope that you will learn some geography and astronomy. Good luck!

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## Sky Travel Challenge

There is buried gold in Commodore's astronomy program, *Sky Travel*. Hidden in the program are 11 map tokens that can be discovered only by standing at the right place, in the right year and looking in the right direction. For instance, if you were exactly at the longitude and latitude of Washington, D.C., you would expect to see the Washington Monument somewhere on the horizon. But you wouldn't expect to see it there if the date were 1492 A.D.

In the March/April issue of our sister magazine, *Commodore Microcomputers*, we challenged our readers to find these tokens (sorry, the Washington Monument is not one of them) and gave them a set of clues to start them off. Since the first set of clues is pretty difficult and we didn't expect anyone to get them all, we are offering both the first and second set of clues in this issue of *Commodore Power/Play*. The final set of clues and the answers will appear in the May/June *Commodore Microcomputers*.

First of all, there is a bear somewhere in *Sky Travel* (it appears as if by magic on one of the demo screens that you may have seen at your computer store). All the clues have the bear as a central theme, so you don't know which clue refers to the real bear. Also not all information in a clue may be pertinent. Good luck.

### CLUES

1. An alert person should have no trouble finding the bear.
- 1a. The "Alert" person likely resides in an igloo.
2. Stated empirically, if the bear really exists, he gets top billing.

- 2a. When bear reaches top billing, he detects the odor of gorilla.
3. See an angry bear, not one but two, on tour, climb high, higher, highest with no visible means of support.
- 3a. Away it gives "two on tour."
4. Hungry bear, but a half-wit, looks for hamburgers, is disappointed, but we're not, are we?
- 4a. The bear sees half of a familiar looking landmark in the distance.
5. Guilty bear is fugitive, is chased by Canadian police force.
- 5a. The bear may be in Canada, but the "Mountie" is not.
6. How do you expect to find the bear if you are looking for a mosque?
- 6a. Look for a mosque—how would you do that?
7. Don't cross this one off, because, although suspenseful, you have to wait until the bear comes to it.
- 7a. Bear finds gold by figuring out what it is that he shouldn't cross before coming to it.
8. Betsy says, "Jim, go in and get my pen, and don't worry about the bear."
- 8a. Betsy is THE Betsy. Her husband has been knighted.
9. Bear goes 200 steps north, 200 steps east, 200 steps south, and 200 steps west. What color is the bear?
- 9a. Bear would be better off if he were a camel.
10. Bear has party, gets plastered in style.
- 10a. Plaster is dehydrated calcium sulfate.
11. The bear may be gentle, but he's still pretty big, so watch out!
- 11a. Green witch casts spell on bear by saying bong, bong!

While you tear your hair out trying to solve these, we hope that you will learn some geography and astronomy. Good luck!

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## Sky Travel Challenge: Part 3

In the last issue of *Commodore Microcomputers*, we posed a challenge to users of *Sky Travel*, Commodore's astronomy program for the Commodore 64. The authors of the program have placed 11 different undocumented "tokens" within the software. If you can figure out, first, what it is you're looking for, and second, each of the 11 different sets of coordinates, and you then place yourself there during the right time period and look in the right direction, you will see each of the 11 different items. For instance, if you figure out that the Washington Monument is one of the tokens, you would put yourself at the coordinates for Washington, D.C. after the year 1884 in order to see it on your screen. (Sorry, that's not one of them, but you get the idea.)

We began in our last issue with a set of extremely difficult clues, then offered an easier set in the April/May *Commodore Power/Play*. Here we include both of those sets of clues plus the final—and easiest—set. If you still can't figure them out, look on page 120 for the answers.

### CLUES

1. An alert person should have no trouble finding the bear.
  - 1a. The "Alert" person likely resides in an igloo.
  - 1b. Bear looks due east, sees green land.
2. Stated empirically, if the bear really exists, he gets top billing.
  - 2a. When bear reaches top billing, he detects the odor of gorilla.
  - 2b. The bear also loves large apples.
3. See an angry bear, not one but two, on tour, climb high, higher, highest with no visible means of support.
  - 3a. Away it gives "two on tour."
  - 3b. Not far away is Niagara Falls.
4. Hungry bear, but a half-wit, looks for hamburgers, is disappointed, but we're not, are we?
  - 4a. The bear sees half of a familiar looking landmark in the distance.
  - 4b. Think of a billion hamburgers.
5. Guilty bear is fugitive, is chased by Canadian police force.
  - 5a. The bear may be in Canada, but the "Mountie" is not.
  - 5b. I'm sorry, "fugitive" should have been spelled "fujitive."
6. How do you expect to find the bear if you are looking for a mosque?
  - 6a. Look for a mosque—how would you do that?
  - 6b. Nyet, nyet—stop looking for a mosque.
7. Don't cross this one off, because, although suspenseful, you have to wait until the bear comes to it.
  - 7a. Bear finds gold by figuring out what it is that he

shouldn't cross before coming to it.

- 7b. Bear left his heart there.
8. Betsy says, "Jim, go in and get my pen, and don't worry about the bear."
- 8a. Betsy is THE Betsy. Her husband has been knighted.
- 8b. Not a nice place to visit (nothing to see but white), nor would you want to live there (too cold).
9. Bear goes 200 steps north, 200 steps east, 200 steps south, and 200 steps west. What color is the bear?
- 9a. Bear would be better off if he were a camel.
- 9b. Tell bear "turn right, peer amid the wall, look for an opening."
10. Bear has party, gets plastered in style.
- 10a. Plaster is dehydrated calcium sulfate.
- 10b. I fell off this tower once.
11. The bear may be gentle, but he's still pretty big, so watch out!
- 11a. Green witch casts spell on bear by saying bong, bong!
- 11b. Bear can't see what time it is, too foggy here.

While you tear your hair out trying to solve these, we hope that you will learn some geography and astronomy. Good luck!

*Answers on pg. 120*



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## Sky Travel Challenge: Answers

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1. Polar bear in Alert, Canada,  $82^{\circ}\text{N}$  –  $63^{\circ}\text{W}$ , visible 3000 B.C. to 3000 A.D., N  
Clue is obvious.
2. Empire State Building, New York,  $40^{\circ}43'\text{N}$  –  $74^{\circ}01'\text{W}$ , May 1937 to May 2937, SSW  
Clue is “empirically stated” + “billing” + “top”.
3. CN Tower in Toronto,  $43^{\circ}42'\text{N}$  –  $79^{\circ}18'\text{W}$ , January 1970 to January 2070, SW  
Clue is “see an” = “CN”; “two on tour = Toronto backwards, “highest” + “without . . . support” = CN Tower is tallest unsupported structure.
4. Gateway Arch in St. Louis,  $38^{\circ}38'\text{N}$  –  $90^{\circ}11'\text{W}$ , July 1948 to July 2948, NNE  
Clue is Gateway Arch looks exactly like half of a MacDonald’s sign, so . . . “hungry”, “half-wit,” and “hamburgers” give it away.
5. Mount Fuji in Tokyo,  $35^{\circ}42'\text{N}$   $139^{\circ}48'\text{E}$ , 4713 B.C. to 9999 A.D., NE  
Clue is “Canadian Police” = “mountie” + “fugitive” = MOUNTie FUGItive, right?
6. St. Basil Cathedral in Moscow,  $55^{\circ}48'\text{N}$   $37^{\circ}42'\text{E}$ , 1555 A.D. to 2001 A.D., NW  
Clue is “mosque” + “How” = Moscow.
7. Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco,  $37^{\circ}48'\text{N}$  –  $122^{\circ}24'\text{W}$ , 1937 to 2937, WNW  
Clue is “don’t cross” + “until” + “come to it” = don’t cross the bridge until you come to it, + “suspenseful” = suspension bridge.
8. Penguin in Sir James Ross, Antarctica,  $-68^{\circ}\text{S}$  –  $56^{\circ}\text{W}$ , 3000 B.C. to 3000 A.D., S  
Clue is “Betsy” as in Betsy Ross, “Jim” as in James, and “pen” + “go in” = penguin.
9. Pyramid at Giza, Egypt,  $29^{\circ}45'\text{N}$   $31^{\circ}18'\text{E}$ , 2613 B.C. to 7000 A.D., N  
Clue is “200 steps . . .” Marks off a square like the base of the pyramid and “peer amid.”
10. Eiffel Tower in Paris,  $48^{\circ}53'\text{N}$   $2^{\circ}18'\text{E}$ , 1889 to 2889, SSE  
Clue is “plastered” = plaster of Paris, and “I fell” = Eiffel
11. Big Ben in London,  $51^{\circ}30'\text{N}$   $0^{\circ}12'\text{E}$ , 1859 to 2859, SSW  
Clue is “gentle” as in Gentle Ben + “big” = Big Ben; “watch out” means clock.

[Author’s name withheld for protection from angry readers.]